

Amendments to the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 8, 23, and 24 without prejudice or disclaimer. This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) An unsolicited e-mail Internet protocol source address verification method comprising:

sending from a source device a request for authorization to send an electronic mail message, the request identifying an address of the source of the request;

receiving at an e-mail authorization system from [[a]] source device [[a]] the request for authorization to forward an send the electronic mail message, ~~the request identifying an address of the source of said request;~~

authorizing the request with the e-mail authorization system including generating an authorization indicator that indicates the source of said request for authorization;

~~responding to the source of said request for authorization with~~ sending a response to the request for authorization from the e-mail authorization system to the address of the source device, wherein [[a]] the response to said request for authorization includes the authorization indicator and wherein the authorization indicator is sent from the e-mail authorization system to the address of the source of the request after authorization;

receiving at the source device from the e-mail authorization system the authorization indication;

adding by the source device the received authorization indicator to an electronic mail message;

sending the electronic mail message with the added authorization indicator from the source device to a destination device;

receiving the electronic mail message at ~~[[a]] the destination device, the electronic mail message including an address for a source of the electronic mail message and the authorization indicator;~~ and

handling receipt of said electronic mail message at the destination device, including verifying the address for the source of the electronic message included in the received said electronic mail message against the authorization indicator.

2.-4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Presented) The unsolicited e-mail Internet protocol source address verification method of claim 1 further comprising performing at the email authorization system an indication generator process in which an authorization indicator is generated.

6. (Previously Presented) The unsolicited e-mail Internet protocol source address verification method of claim 5 wherein said authorization indicator is a unique bit string and further identifies the email authorization system.

7. (Previously Presented) The unsolicited e-mail Internet protocol source address verification method of claim 1 further comprising tracking said source address with the e-mail authorization system.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Currently Amended) The unsolicited e-mail Internet protocol source address verification method of claim 1 ~~further comprising~~ wherein generating the authorization indicator comprises:

extracting a request source address from said request; and

utilizing said request source address as a destination address in a header file of a return package including authorization indicator information.

10.-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:

a destination device;

a source device~~communicatively coupled with the destination device adapted to send a request for authorization to forward an electronic mail message, the request identifying an address of the source device;~~ and

an e-mail authorization system communicatively coupled with the source device and adapted to receive , wherein the source device:

sends to the e-mail authorization system a request for authorization

to send an electronic mail message to the destination device,

wherein the e-mail authorization system:

receives from the source device the request for authorization to ~~forward~~ send the electronic mail message,

generate ~~generates~~ an authorization indicator that indicates the source of the request for authorization, and

~~send~~ sends the authorization indicator to the address of the source device after authorization,

and wherein the source device:

receives from the e-mail authorization system the authorization indication,

adds the received authorization indicator to the electronic mail message, and

sends the electronic mail message with the added authorization indicator to the destination device.

22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21,~~further comprising a destination device, wherein the source device is adapted to send the electronic mail message to the destination device, the electronic mail message including a source address and the~~

~~authorization indicator, and~~ wherein the destination device is adapted to handle receipt of the electronic mail message, including verifying the source address included in the received electronic mail message against the authorization indicator.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Canceled)

25. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the e-mail authorization system generates the authorization indicator.

26. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 25, wherein said authorization indicator is a unique bit string and further identifies the email authorization system.

27. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 21, wherein the e-mail authorization system is further adapted to track the address of the source device.

Please add the following new claims:

28. (New) A method for sending an e-mail message, the method comprising:
sending from a source device to an e-mail authorization system a request for authorization to send the e-mail message, the request identifying an address of the source device;
receiving at the source device from the e-mail authorization system an authorization indication, wherein the authorization indication is generated by the e-mail authorization system and includes an indication of the source of the request for authorization;
adding by the source device the received authorization indicator to the e-mail message; and
sending the e-mail message with the added authorization indicator from the source device to a destination device.